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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responding to the species-election requirement in the Office Action dated June 23, 2005, through the undersigned attorney, the applicants elect the species employing a single length of strapping and submit that claims 1 though 4, which the examiner has deemed generic, claims 5 and 6, and claim 11, when dependent upon any one of claims 1 through 6, read on the elected species. The species-election requirement is not traversed. No other issue has been raised by the Office Action.

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